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LETTER DATED 21 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 11 to 18 October 1993, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation.

11 October 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile activity was recorded in the northern region on 11 October 1993.

(b) Southern region: 8 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 8,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Jalibah and Jabayish.

12 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-10,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Amarah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 1400 hours on 12 October 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m, south of the Shinafiyah area. It departed at 1532 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

13 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 18 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Sinjar and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Qurnah, Artawi, Basra and Ushbayjah.

14 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Sinjar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 8,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Samawah and Artawi.

15 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900km/h and at altitudes of 8,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Artawi, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Salman, Suq al-Shuyukh and Jalibah.

16 October 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was recorded in the northern region on 16 October 1993.

(b) Southern region: 46 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah and Busayyah.

- At 1314 hours on 16 October 1993, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m, over the Jabal Sanam area. It departed at 1510 hours, heading in the direction of Saudi Arabian airspace.

17 October 1993

(a) Northern region: No hostile aerial activity was recorded in the northern region on 17 October 1993.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Busayyah and Jalibah.

18 October 1993

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,500-9,000 m, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Shaqlawah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 7,000-9,000 m, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Qurnah and Qal'at Salih.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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